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1. MOSCOW'S CONTINUING CONCERN OVER THE FUTURE OF A SALT  
II AGREEMENT WAS MANIFESTED OVER THE WEEKEND IN TWO  
ARTICLES: ONE ATTACKING SALT II OPPONENTS, AND THE OTHER  
PUTTING ITS PROPONENTS IN A POSITIVE LIGHT.

2. SUNDAY'S EDITION OF THE MILITARY NEWSPAPER RED STAR  
CARRIED AN ARTICLE CHALLENGING THE SIZE OF THE CURRENT US

MILITARY BUDGET AND TAKING SECRETARY BROWN TO TASK FOR HIS STATEMENT AT THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION THAT THE US HAS "THE STRONGEST NAVY IN THE WORLD." THE AUTHOR INTERPRETS THE STATEMENT AS AN INDICATION OF CURRENT US EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MILITARY SUPERIORITY, AND ADDS THAT SEC BROWN DEMANDS "NO MORE OR NO LESS THAN AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE MILITARY SUPERIORITY OF THE US." (WHILE THE AUTHOR DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT THE AGREEMENT REFERRED TO IS SALT II, OTHER STATEMENTS IN THE ARTICLE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THIS IS THE CASE.)

3. PRAVDA AUGUST 27 CARRIES TASS ARTICLE ON SALT INDIRECTLY PRAISING AMBASSADOR YOST AND FORMER SENATOR FULBRIGHT FOR RECENT STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A SALT II TREATY. YOST IS SINGLED OUT FOR HIS WILLINGNESS IN A RECENT ARTICLE IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR TO CHALLENGE STATEMENTS BY SALT II OPPONENTS, WHO WARN OF A "SOVIET MILITARY THREAT" AND MOSCOW'S ATTEMPT TO "GAIN MILITARY SUPERIORITY." YOST IS CITED SAYING THAT IN HIS VIEW THERE ARE NO SERIOUS REASONS PREVENTING A SALT AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. FULBRIGHT DRAWS SOVIET ATTENTION FOR A RECENT ARTICLE IN WHICH HE UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF SALT AS THE BASIC "CORNERSTONE" OF POLITICAL DETENTE AND REPORTEDLY CALLS OPPONENTS OF SALT II "COLD WARRIORS." TOON

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